

Coming to America: Research With Ships' Passenger Lists

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What to Expect From Today

- Genealogical significance
- Historical overview
- Resources available at the Library of Michigan
- New York City / Ellis Island
- Internet resources

Genealogical Significance

- Link to ancestral homeland
- Coverage from 1565-1954
- Minimum expectations
- Evolving value

Historical Overview

- Colonial records
- Steerage Act (1819)
- “New York, New York”
- Immigration Acts (1882, 1891, 1924)
- Expansive 1893
- Statistics

Before You Begin

- Things to know:
 - Name from Old Country
 - Age at arrival
 - Date of arrival
 - Small details
- U.S. Census
 - 1900-1930
- Naturalization record?
- City directories

U.S. Census

- Stanley Piotrowski
 - 1930, Michigan, Kalamazoo County

A photograph of a handwritten 1930 U.S. Census form. The form is a grid with columns for name, relationship, sex, age, and marital status. The handwriting is in cursive. The first row is for Stanley Piotrowski, head of household, male, 42 years old, married. The second row is for his wife, female, 33 years old, married. The third row is for Stella, daughter, female, 14 years old, single. The fourth row is for Francis, son, male, 12 years old, single.

Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marital Status
Piotrowski Stanley	Head	M	42	M
_____	Wife	F	33	M
_____ Stella	daughter	F	14	S
_____ Francis	son	M	12	S

U.S. Census

- Place of birth
- Year of immigration
- Naturalization status

Wagon	Poland	Poland	Polish	62	57	0			
Wagon	Poland	Poland	Polish	11	14	0	1904	Wagon	
Wagon	Poland	Poland	Polish	14	14	0	1907	7/10	Wagon
Wagon	Poland	Poland		100	14	0			Wagon
Wagon	Poland	Poland		62	14	0			Wagon

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

 Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

STATE OF MICHIGAN } In the _____ CIRCUIT _____ Court
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO } ss: of KALAMAZOO COUNTY

I, Stanislaw John Piotrowski, aged 35 years,
occupation Store keeper, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color White, complexion Med. Fair, height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches,
weight 165 pounds, color of hair Brown, color of eyes Brown
other visible distinctive marks None

I was born in Kolo, Poland
on the 28th day of March, anno Domini 1887; I now reside
at 517 E. North St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

(Give number, street, city or town, and State)

I emigrated to the United States of America from Hamburg, Germany
on the vessel President Grant; my last
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given)
foreign residence was Kolo, Poland; I am _____ married; the name
of my wife is Winifred; she was born at Kamiez, Poland
and now resides at 517 E. North St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____

The Republic of Poland, of whom I am now a subject;
I arrived at the port of New York, in the
State of New York, on or about the 8th day

of May, anno Domini 1910; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Stanislaw John Piotrowski
(Original signature of declarant)

How to Use Passenger Lists

- Overlapping indexes
- Determining the port of entry
- Not intended for genealogists!
 - Meant to monitor immigrant arrivals

Published Resources

- Passenger and Immigration Lists Index
- Ethnic sets:
 - Germans to America
 - Famine Immigrants
 - Italians to America
 - Migration From the Russian Empire
- City-specific

THE FAMINE IMMIGRANTS

Lists of Irish Immigrants
Arriving at the Port of New York,
1846-1851

Ira A. Glazier
Editor

Michael Tepper
Associate Editor

Volume IV
April 1849-September 1849

Baltimore
GENEALOGICAL PUBLISHING CO., INC.
1984

ASHBURTON 30 JUNE 1849

From Liverpool

NAMES OF PASSENGERS	A S G E E X	OCCUPATIONS	DATE PORT SHIP
PERITHE, J.	20 F	Unknown	30Ju02Le
HOPPER, James	50 M	Laborer	30Ju02Le
Jane	50 F	Unknown	30Ju02Le
Arthur	28 M	Laborer	30Ju02Le
Robert	18 M	Unknown	30Ju02Le
Samuel	10 M	Unknown	30Ju02Le
John	14 M	Unknown	30Ju02Le
Thomas	14 M	Unknown	30Ju02Le
Elizabeth	32 F	Unknown	30Ju02Le
Agnes	17 F	Unknown	30Ju02Le
James	21 M	Laborer	30Ju02Le
COLLIER, Charles	16 M	Unknown	30Ju02Le

New York City

- My ancestor came to New York...
 - Castle Garden
 - 1830-1892
 - *<http://www.castlegarden.org/>*
 - Ellis Island
 - 1892-1924
 - *<http://ellisislandrecords.org>*

CastleGarden.org

ABOUT US

ADVANCED
SEARCH

TIMELINE

QUICK SEARCH FOR INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES

Enter passenger's first name if possible, and last name. Use * as a wildcard

First name

Last name

Next, select a range of dates for their arrival.

-

SEARCH NOW

PRESENTED BY

The Battery
Conservancy

THE MAY AND SAMUEL
RUDIN FOUNDATION
AMERICAN EXPRESS
EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK
THE NEW YORK TIMES
COMPANY FOUNDATION
THE WINSTON FOUNDATION
THIRD MILLENNIUM FOUNDATION
U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES &
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

AMERICA'S FIRST
IMMIGRATION CENTER

CastleGarden.org offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1830 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 73 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Castle Garden, today known as Castle Clinton National Monument, is the major landmark within The Battery, the 23 acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

CastleGarden.org is an invaluable resource for educators, scholars, students, family historians, and the interested public. Currently the site hosts 10 million records, and [support](#) is needed to complete the digitization of the remaining 2 million records, beginning in 1820, from [the original ship manifests](#).

The Battery remains one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. American Indians fished from its banks, and the first Dutch settlers built a low, stone wall with cannons, a battery to protect the harbor and New Amsterdam. The transformations of The Battery and that of the Castle tell the history of New York and, by association, the growth and development of our nation.

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REFINE SEARCH

Enter additional information to refine search results. Use * as a wildcard

First name Last name

-

Place of origin

Occupation

Ship

SEARCH NOW

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The
Battery
Conseerancy

THE MAY AND SAMUEL
RUDIN FOUNDATION
AMERICAN EXPRESS
EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK

SEARCH RESULTS

Results 1 - 1 of 2

Pages: « 1 of 1 »

FIRST NAME LAST NAME ▲ OCCUPATION AGE SEX ARRIVED ORIGIN SHIP

James	Hopper	Laborer	21	M	30 Jun 1849	Ireland	Ashburton
James	Hopper	Laborer	50	M	30 Jun 1849	Ireland	Ashburton

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Enter passenger's first name if possible, and last name. Use * as a wildcard

First name

Last name

Next, select a range of dates for their arrival.

1820 - 1913

SEARCH NOW

PRESENTED BY

THE MAY AND SAMUEL
RUDIN FOUNDATION
AMERICAN EXPRESS
EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK
THE NEW YORK TIMES
COMPANY FOUNDATION
THE WINSTON FOUNDATION
THIRD MILLENNIUM FOUNDATION
U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES &
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

SEARCH RESULTS

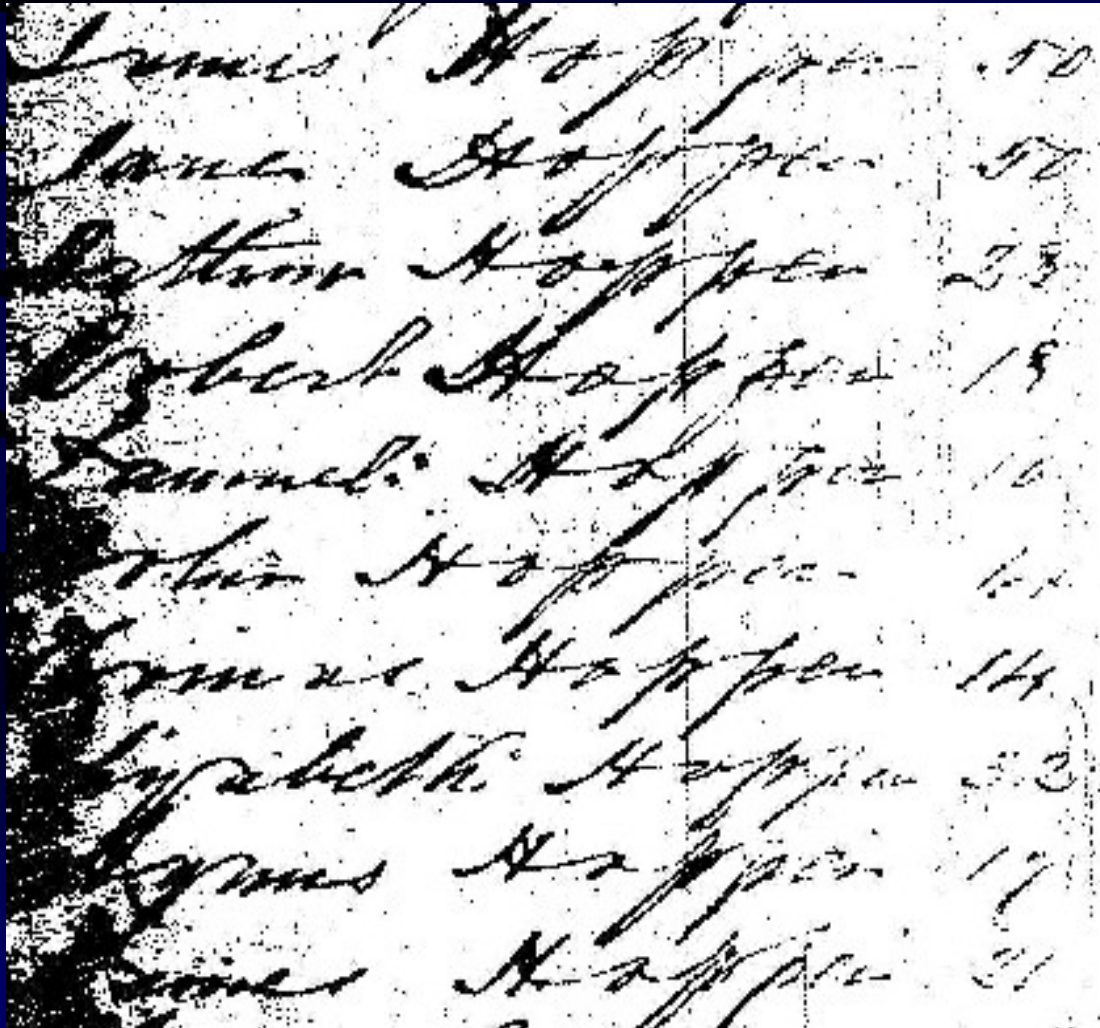
JAMES HOPPER

OCCUPATION	Laborer
AGE	50
SEX	M
LITERACY	U
ARRIVED	30 Jun 1849
ORIGIN	Ireland
PORT	Liverpool
LAST RESIDENCE	U
DESTINATION	USA
PLAN	Unknown
SHIP	Ashburton
PASSAGE	Unknown

COMPARATIVE DATA

This feature is currently under construction

The Hopper Family



- James, 50
- Jane, 50
- Arthur, 28
- Robert, 18
- Samuel, 10
- John, 14
- Thomas, 14
- Elizabeth, 32
- Agnes, 17
- James, 21



The Statue of Liberty-
Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

SIGN OUT

HOME

TELL A FRIEND

Shopping Cart: Empty

PASSENGER SEARCH ELLIS ISLAND GENEALOGY SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION GIFT SHOP

SEARCH PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS

Enter passenger information, then click Start Search.

First Name (optional)

Last Name

Approximate Year of Birth

Exact Year

Gender

Any

[START SEARCH >>](#)

NEW! Famous Arrivals

See Their Records Now!

ADD A NAME TO THE WALL OF HONOR

Inscribe a name on the American Immigration Wall of Honor at Ellis Island preserve your family history for generations to come. [Find Out More Today!](#)

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New Passenger Record Certificate

Click for Details

THE FAMILY HISTORY GIFT SHOP

Celebrate

Ellis Island

PASSENGER RECORD

American Family Immigration History Center® at Ellis Island

First Name:	<i>Stanisław</i>
Last Name:	<i>Pietrowski</i>
Ethnicity:	<i>Russia, Polish</i>
Last Place of Residence:	<i>Russia, Hom...</i>
Date of Arrival:	<i>April 16, 1909</i>
Age at Arrival: 22y	Gender: <i>M</i> Marital Status: <i>S</i>
Ship of Travel:	<i>President Grant</i>
Port of Departure:	<i>Hamburg</i>
Manifest Line Number:	<i>0020</i>

THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.
SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. **President Grant**

sailing from **Hamburg**

3. April 1905

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No. on List.	NAME IN FULL.		Age.		Sex.	Height or Weight.	Calling or Occupation.	Able to—		Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	Race or People.	Last permanent Residence.		The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final Destination.	
	Family Name.	Given Name.	Yrs.	Mos.				Read.	Write.			Country.	City or Town.		State.	City or Town.
1	Hoff	Heinrich	28		m		farm lab.	yes	yes	without		Germany	Hamburg	of Bertha Hoff	Ill.	Chicago
2	Hoffmann	Katharina	50		f		wp.					Russ		of August Laske	N.Y.	Buffalo
3		Ludwig	19		m		f. lab.	yes	yes			Russia	Polzovnik	of August Laske		
4		Emil	15		m									of Anna Gasenig		
5	Gasenig	Josias	1		m							Poland		of Anna Gasenig		
6	Jeruscher	Isaac	40		m							Poland		brother Michael Jeruscher		
7		Paula	10		f									of Michael Jeruscher		
8	Hamarsenki	Franz	22		m		f. lab.							of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki	R.I.	Providence
9	Hamarsenki	Ludwig	17		m									mother Bernice Hamarsenki		
10		Wolfgang	10		m									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
11	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki	Ill.	Chicago
12		Henrietta	11		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
13		Emma	11		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
14	Osowski	Frank	21		m		f. lab.							father Josef Osowski		
15	Wlodek	Isaac	18		m									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
16	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
17		Henrietta	11		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
18	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
19	Hamarsenki	Isaac	18		m									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
20	Hamarsenki	Henrietta	11		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
21	Hamarsenki	Emma	11		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
22	Hamarsenki	Isaac	18		m									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
23	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
24		Eva	20		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
25	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
26	Hamarsenki	Isaac	18		m									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
27	Hamarsenki	Henrietta	11		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
28	Hamarsenki	Emma	11		f									of Wladyslaw Hamarsenki		
29	Hamarsenki	Isaac	18		m									brother Simon Hamarsenki		
30	Hamarsenki	Maria	44		f									brother Simon Hamarsenki		

"Race or People" is to be determined from the stock from which aliens sprang and the language they speak. List of races will be found on back of this sheet.

Ellis Island

19	Oldalak	Wawr	74	"	"	"
20	Pietrowski	Karislaw	22	✓	1"	o butcher
	P	Pulaw	22	✓	1"	o butcher

Oldalak	Wf.	Lehla Haskel
Fiderekowska	fasher	Wojnicz Pietrowski
Kombic		Kombic

Kolo

Stephen Morse


- “One Step” research tools
- *<http://stephenmorse.org/>*
- Research alternative
 - Castle Garden
 - Ellis Island
 -

White Form

Searching Ellis Island Database in One Step - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by State of Michigan DIT

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Searching the New York (Ellis Island) Database in One Step

 We acknowledge the work of [Dr. Stephen Morse](#) in creating this search tool, with major contributions from [Dr. Yves Goulnik](#).

[Overview](#) [Jewish Form](#) [Short Form \(gray\)](#) [Ship Lists](#) [Missing Manifests](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#) [Morse's Other Webpages](#)

There is no required field, not even the last name

☒ starts with
☐ is exactly
☐ contains

First Name Last Name

☐ starts with
☐ is exactly
☐ sounds like (few)
☐ sounds like (many)
☐ sounds like (soundex)

Gender

Specify at most two of the following three ranges

Year of arrival is between and
Age at arrival is between and
Year of birth is between and

☒ starts with
☐ is exactly
☐ contains

Ship Name See [ship lists](#). See [ship pictures](#).

Other Resources

- Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports
- Registers of Vessels
 - New York, 1798-1919
- Morton Allan Directory
- Crew Lists
- LDS network

Registers of Vessels

May 06.	
1. <i>Verona</i>	21. <i>Antonio</i>
1. <i>Nederland</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>
2. <i>Venetia</i>	<i>Colon</i>
3. <i>Victorian</i>	<i>L. pool</i>
5. <i>Arglancera</i>	<i>Vera Cruz</i>
8. <i>Vera</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>
9. <i>Virginia</i>	<i>Gardiff</i>
11. <i>Valdivia</i>	<i>Cape Hatteras</i>
17. <i>Virginia</i>	<i>Halifax</i>
19. <i>Vera</i>	<i>Valdivia</i>
21. <i>Vasconia</i>	<i>Marseilles</i>
22. <i>Virginia</i>	<i>Colon</i>
29. <i>Nederland</i>	<i>Antwerp</i>
30. <i>Venetia</i>	<i>Kingston</i>
31. <i>Vera</i>	<i>Antonio</i>

Morton Allan Directory

Year 1909

HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE

Hamburg—New York

N. Y.

Arrival Steamer

Feb. 3.....	Deutschland
Apr. 22.....	Deutschland
May 27.....	Deutschland
Sept. 9.....	Deutschland
Oct. 15.....	Deutschland
Nov. 1.....	Amerika
Jan. 8.....	Batavia
Jan. 13.....	Arcadia
Jan. 25.....	Pennsylvania
Jan. 25..K.	Auguste Victoria
Feb. 5.....	Graf Waldersee
Feb. 14.....	Patricia
Feb. 16.....	Amerika
Feb. 25.....	Pisa
Feb. 28.....	Pretoria
Mar. 6.....	Pennsylvania
Mar. 8..K.	Auguste Victoria
Mar. 18.....	Graf Waldersee
Mar. 27.....	Patricia
Mar. 31.....	Amerika
Apr. 2.....	Badenia
Apr. 7.....	Cleveland
Apr. 8.....	Rhætia
Apr. 15.....	President Grant
Apr. 17..K.	Auguste Victoria
Apr. 24.....	Pennsylvania
Apr. 29.....	President Lincoln
May 5.....	Bluecher
May 8.....	Amerika

Odds & Ends

- Deaths and births at sea
- Stowaways
- “Likely Public Charge”
- Stops along the way
- *The New York Times*
- U.S. departure records
- Pictures

The New York Times

Reported by Wireless.

SS President Grant, incoming from Hamburg, was reported by Marconi wireless 330 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon yesterday; due at her pier, if not delayed, about 2 P. M. to-day.

SS Teutonic, incoming from Southampton, was reported by Marconi wireless 333 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 A. M. yesterday; due at her pier, if not delayed, about 9 A. M. to-day.

Shipping and Mails

Miniature Almanac for To-day.

Sun rises..5:22|Sun sets..6:39|Moon rises..8:45

TIDES TO-DAY.

	High Water.		Low Water.	
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Sandy Hook.....	4:08	4:45	10:28	10:55
Governors Island....	4:28	5:10	11:08	11:30
Hell Gate	6:18	7:00	12:39	1:10

Arrived—Thursday, April 15.

SS Florida, Havre, April 3.
 SS Helmer Morch, Fowey, March 23.
 SS Campania, Naples, March 30.
 SS President Grant, Hamburg, April 4.
 SS Columbia, Trieste, March 24.
 SS Sloterdyk, Rotterdam, March 31.
 SS Welsh Prince, Shields, March 31.
 SS Altal, Inagua, April 11.
 SS Advance, Cristobal, April 8.
 SS Chipana, St. Lucia, April 7.
 SS Gulana, Bermuda, April 13.
 SS Bermudian, Bermuda, April 10.
 SS Curityba, Nipe, April 9.
 SS El Monte, New Orleans, April 10.
 SS Jamestown, Norfolk, April 14.
 SS Iroquois, Jacksonville, April 12.
 SS Baron Cawdor, Baltimore, April 13.
 SS Manna Hata, Baltimore, April 13.
 SS City of Everett, Boston, April 14.

President Grant



Built by Harlan & Wolff Limited, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 1907. 18,072 gross tons; 616 (bp) feet long; 68 feet wide. Steam quadruple expansion engines, twin screw. Service speed 14.5 knots. 3,830 passengers (326 first class, 152 second class, 3,352 third class).

Built for Hamburg-American Line, German flag, in 1907 and intended to be the **Boston**. Renamed **Servian** in 1907. Sold to Hamburg-American Line, German flag, in 1908 and renamed **President Grant**. Hamburg-New York service. Laid up at New York in 1914. Seized by U.S. authorities, in 1914 and renamed **USS President Grant**. Troopship service. Transferred to United States Lines, in 1923 and renamed **Republic**. Hamburg-New York service. Sailed as a fulltime troopship 1931-51. Scrapped in 1952.

Questions?

